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SUBJECT: WASHINGTON VISIT OF ISVS SYG ZOLLNER

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- 1. MISSION SHOULD INFORM ISVS SYG ZOLLNER THAT WE APPRECIATE HIS DESIRE VISIT WASHINGTON LATE MAY BUT THAT THIS TIMING UNFORTUNATELY INCONVENIENT.
- 2. MISSION SHOULD REITERATE THAT VISIT LATE MAY WOULD NOT BE FRUITFUL DUE TO HEAVY DEMANDS ON TIME OF PRINCIPAL OFFICIALS BOTH IN DEPT AND PC CONCERNED WITH ISVS DURING THAT PERIOD, AND THAT IN DEFERENCE TO HIS DESIRE FOR TALKS WE WOULD PROPOSE WEEK OF JUNE 24 AS EARLIEST TIME WHEN SENIOR OFFICIALS WOULD BE IN POSITION TO DEVOTE SUFFICIENT TIME AND CONCENTRATION TO SUCH VISIT.
- 3- MISSION SHOULD SUGGEST TO ZOLLNER THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR HIM TO PRECEDE WASHINGTON VISIT WITH LETTER TO MCDONALD OUTLINING MAJOR TOPICS OF CONCERN HE HOPES DISCUSS DURING DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON AS WELL AS HOW HE ENVISAGES TRANSLATING RECENT MANDATE OF ISVS WORKING GROUP INTO CONCRETE ACTIONS. LATTER WAS SUGGESTED BY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HOFFMAN, IO/CMD, DURING MAY 14 CONVERSATION WITH ZOLLNER

IN VIENNA (MEMCON TO FOLLOW). AT THAT TIME, ZOLLNER MADE NO RPT. NO MENTION OF TRIP TO U.S.; WE HAVE IMPRESSION THAT

SUBSEQUENT TO THAT MEETING HE DECIDED PERSONAL VISIT TO WASHINGTON WOULD OFFER HIM BEST CHANCE TO LOBBY EFFECTIVE-LY FOR CONTINUED U.S. SUPPORT OF ISVS.

4. FYI: WE HAVE TENTATIVELY SHCEDULED MEETING BETWEEN ASSISTANT SECRETARY BUFFUM AND PEACE CORPS DIRECTOR CRAW FOR WEEK MAY 27 TO DISCUSS FUTURE U.S. POLICY VIS-A-VIS ISVS. THUS, ASIDE FROM INCONVENIENCE LATE MAY VISIT WOULD CAUSE INTERESTED DEPARTMENT AND PC OFFICIALS, WE DO NOT BELIEVE TALKS WITH ZOLLNER WOULD BE PRODUCTIVE UNTIL AFTER SUCH MEETING, AT WHICH TIME OUR THOUGHTS ON FUTURE POSTURE TOWARD ISVS WOULD BE FIRMER. RUSH

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